

## CHAPTER 183

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**GOVERNMENT - STATE**

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**HOUSE BILL 19-1292**

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**AN ACT**

**CONCERNING THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE COLORADO RESILIENCY OFFICE, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.**

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly hereby finds and declares that:

(a) In response to floods affecting the state in 2013, the governor's office created the Colorado resiliency and recovery office by executive order to coordinate long-term recovery efforts, connect communities with state and federal resources, and support communities to reduce the impacts of future disasters. The office was later transferred to the department of local affairs. The Colorado resiliency office is now integral to long-term recovery in every disaster.

(b) In 2018, the general assembly created the office in statute, renaming it the Colorado resiliency office, and codified core functions related to long-term disaster recovery and rebuilding, with a focus on resilience in preparation for future disasters.

(c) The Colorado resiliency office is currently funded solely through grant funding, with no stable financial commitment to its functions in disaster recovery. Its current funding through the disaster emergency fund will expire on June 30, 2019, and will result in the closure of the office.

(d) In the absence of general fund funding, the state will lose the services the Colorado resiliency office provides in disasters, including coordinating community and economic recovery efforts across multiple agencies and supporting risk and

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vulnerability reduction efforts across Colorado before and after disasters occur.

(2) Therefore, it is the intent of the general assembly to reauthorize the Colorado resiliency office and to make regular funding available through the general fund.

**SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **amend** 24-32-121 as follows:

**24-32-121. Colorado resiliency office - creation - director - repeal.**

~~(1) Subject to available grant funding,~~ The Colorado resiliency office is created in the division of local government within the department of local affairs. The head of the office is the director of the Colorado resiliency office. The director of the division of local government shall appoint the director of the office in accordance with section 13 of article XII of the state constitution. The office exercises its powers, duties, and functions under the division and the department as a **type 2** entity, as defined in section 24-1-105.

(2) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THE COLORADO RESILIENCY OFFICE IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

**SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-32-122, **repeal** (4); and **add** (6) as follows:

**24-32-122. Colorado resiliency office - duties and powers - repeal.** ~~(4) The duties, powers, and obligations of the Colorado resiliency office set forth in subsections (1) to (3) of this section are to be accomplished subject to available grant funding or within existing resources.~~

(6) THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2022. BEFORE ITS REPEAL, THIS SECTION IS SCHEDULED FOR REVIEW IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 24-34-104.

**SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-34-104, **add** (23)(a)(XII) as follows:

**24-34-104. General assembly review of regulatory agencies and functions for repeal, continuation, or reestablishment - legislative declaration - repeal.**

(23) (a) The following agencies, functions, or both, are scheduled for repeal on September 1, 2022:

(XII) THE COLORADO RESILIENCY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-32-121.

**SECTION 5. Appropriation.** (1) For the 2019-20 state fiscal year, \$249,454 is appropriated to the department of local affairs. This appropriation is from the general fund and is based on an assumption that the department will require an additional 2.7 FTE. To implement this act, the department may use this appropriation as follows:

**Executive director's office**

Health, life, and dental	\$23,781
Short-term disability	\$324

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	S.B. 04-257 amortization equalization disbursement	\$8,515
	S.B. 06-235 supplemental amortization equalization disbursement	\$8,515
<b>Division of local government, local government and community services, administration</b>		
	Personal services	\$190,469 (2.7 FTE)
	Operating expenses	\$17,850

**SECTION 6. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety.

Approved: May 16, 2019